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Welcome to the new and improved issue of the FLSN Sustainability Bulletin which is published to support you with finding resources (financial, material, and in kind donations) to help you sustain and expand your efforts serving families with young children. For your convenience, the new format will be divided into the following funding categories:

1. Local
2. State
3. Federal
4. Foundations
5. Corporations
6. Professional Associations
7. Miscellaneous

Additional sections of the bulletin will include:

- Grant Writing and Advocacy Tips
- Resources/Grant Websites
- Acronyms and Definitions

If you have any tips or resources you would like to share, please feel free to contact Armando Argandoña of FLSN via email at Argandona_Armando@lacoed.edu or by telephone at 562-922-6064. We will acknowledge YOU for contributing information, resources, links, etc. We all have great ideas and find great resources here and there so why not share and model what teamwork and networking is all about! In addition, we welcome, feedback regarding the format of this bulletin.

For Your Information

An interesting bit of information has to do with the present economy. We can all relate to gas prices as they inch toward \$5/gallon here in southern California. However, for those of us seeking private sector funds, The Foundation Center, which tracks trends in philanthropy, reported that foundation giving jumped more than 10% in 2007 from the previous year. The increase follows a 7.1% increase in 2006. Even though our present economy is shaky, it is expected to continue upward according to the latest edition of *Foundation Growth and Giving Estimates*. The report goes on to state that the country's grantmaking foundations increased giving to a record \$42.9 billion.

*Independent/Family Foundations - \$30.9 billion (a 12.7% increase, up from 9% in 2006).
Corporate Foundations - \$4.4 billion (a 6.6% increase, up from 2.6% in 2006). Community
Foundations - \$4.1 billion (a 13.9% increase, fourth consecutive year of double-digit increases)
Source-Foundations Grant Alert/June 2008.*

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LOCAL GRANTS

Title: Community Opportunities Fund

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On going**

Source: **First 5 LA**

Range of Resources:

Web site: www.first5la.org/cof

Beginning June 30, 2008, organizations may apply for the second funding cycle of the Community Opportunities Fund (COF). While former and current First 5 LA grantees are eligible to apply for the COF in the second cycle, preference will be given to applicants that have never previously received a grant from First 5 LA in order to further diversify impact across LA County. COF has been designed to address three funding priority areas:

1. Supportive Parents/Caregivers
2. Good Health
3. Prevention of Unintentional Injuries.

The first step in the process is to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI). First 5 LA will review the LOI within two months. All applicants will receive an email notification either declining their LOI or inviting them to submit a proposal. Public agencies may apply for policy and advocacy grants, but are not eligible for organizational capacity building grants. Organizations must reside within and serve residents of Los Angeles County. Proposed project activities must ultimately benefit children age prenatal through five years of age. *(Last year two of our grantees, Hope Street and Mother's Club Family Learning Center were recipients of this grant. Yah HOOO!!!!)*

Title: Community Beautification Grant

Eligibility: **Within the City of Los Angeles**

Deadline: **October 22, 2008**

Source: **City of Los Angeles**

Range of Resources: Up to \$10,000

Web site: www.lacity.org/bpw/OCB/NMF/index.html

The Community Beautification Grant was created in 1998 in the City of Los Angeles under the name, Neighborhood Matching Fund as a way for community members to shape their neighborhoods. For 2008-09, the CB Grant program will award approximately \$ 600,000 in grants, each grant up to \$ 10,000 for approximately 65 projects. Applications are accepted from community based organizations. Projects should build community through the implementation process and enhance the neighborhood once completed. Projects taking place on school ground only require written authorization from the school's administrator.

Title: The Long Beach Community Foundation

Eligibility: **In Long Beach**

Deadline: **October, 22, 2008**

Source: **Knight Foundation**

Range of Resources: Up to \$20,000

Web site: <http://www.knightfoundation.org/grants/>

Knight Foundation has made grants to establish and grow a donor-advised fund at The Long Beach Community Foundation. This allows for more flexibility in serving the needs of the region. Knight has invested some \$50 million to start, strengthen and endow donor-advised funds at community foundations serving the Knight Foundation communities. Knight Foundation values the long-term partnership with community foundations in each of the communities and normally includes a community foundation member on our community advisory committees. Knight asks that the goals of a proposal fall within the foundation's six priority areas (two of which are listed below); your organization should be located within the Long Beach area.

Education: To help all residents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to reach economic self-sufficiency, remain active learners, be good parents and effective citizens in a democracy. To provide an environment in which talented individuals refine and develop their abilities.

Well-being of children and families: To provide all children and youth with opportunities for positive growth and development and to give all parents resources they need to strengthen their families.

Title: The Neighborhood Partners Program

Eligibility: **CDBG target zones**

Deadline: **Annually**

Source: **City of Long Beach**

Range of Resources: Up to \$5,000 in goods and services

Web site: http://www.longbeach.gov/cd/neighborhood_services/grants/neighborhood_grants.asp

The Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) is available to established neighborhood/community groups within designated CDBG target zones. Eligible groups must be formally established organizations having designated officers and membership rosters and a history of neighborhood involvement. The NPP will provide matching grants of up to \$5000 in goods and services to accomplish approved projects. No actual cash will be provided. The match provided by the applicant must be equal to at least 50% of the total project cost and may be supplied in the form of cash, goods and services, and volunteer work hours (volunteer work hours may not be the sole match).

Applications are available through an annual Request for Proposals (RFP). To be placed on the NPP mailing list, which will enable them to notify you of the next available funding opportunity, please call (562) 570-6866 or e-mail us at jaosgoo@longbeach.gov.

STATE GRANTS

Title: Child and Adult Care Food

Eligibility: **Institution of Higher Education, Local Education Agencies, Nonprofit and other organizations or agencies.**

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: **California Department of Education**

Range of Resources: 1.7 Billion (available)

Web site: www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1377

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a state and federally funded program that provides funding to licensed child care centers, adult day care centers, and organizations that sponsor day care homes to ensure participants receive nutritionally adequate meals and snacks while in care. Funding is also available for meals and snacks at emergency shelters and after-school programs.

Title: General Child Care and Development Re-Bid

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **August 25, 2008**

Source: California Department of Education

Range of Resources:

Web site: www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1344

General child care and development services for low income children from birth to age 13 and older with exceptional needs is the focus of this grant. The program provides an educational component that is developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate for the children served. The funds will be disbursed in accordance with current contract sites and children. Institutions of higher education, local educational organizations and other organizations or agencies are eligible to apply. Eligible grade levels span Pre-K to 8th grade. Applicants must possess and provide licenses for each site listed.

Title: State Preschool Program Re-Bid

Eligibility: Institution of Higher Education, Local Education Agencies, Nonprofit and other organizations or agencies.

Deadline: **August 25, 2008**

Source: California Department of Education

Range of Resources:

Web site: www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1352,
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r2/cprerebid07rfa.asp> and
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/op/cdprograms.asp>

State Preschool programs provide comprehensive developmental programs from three to five year old children from low-income families. The programs provide educational activities that are developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate for the children they serve, meals or snacks to children, referrals to health and social services for families, and staff development opportunities to employees. The funds will target underserved communities as defined by Local Child Care and Development Planning Councils.

FOUNDATIONS

Title: Alcoa Foundation

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: ALCOA

Range of Resources:

Web site: http://www.alcoa.com/global/en/community/info_page/guidelines.asp

The Foundation's focus for funding is around four distinct Areas of Excellence: Conservation and Sustainability, Safe and Healthy Children and Families, Global Education and Workplace Skills, and Business and Community Partnerships.

Priority consideration is given to programs and organizations in or near communities where Alcoa plants or offices are located. Organizations interested in applying for a grant should contact the Alcoa facility nearest them.

For all grant inquiries, it is recommended that a concept paper be submitted via e-mail to the local Alcoa grant contact or to Alcoa Foundation before a formal grant proposal is prepared. The concept paper will be reviewed by the Alcoa location contact or by an Alcoa Foundation staff member, and they will contact the organization. In addition to the concept paper, you may be asked to submit a project budget for your program or project.

Title: The Allen Foundation

Eligibility: **Nonprofit organization; request from community organizations**

Deadline: **December 31, 2008**

Source: **Allen Foundation**

Range of Resources:

Web site: www.allenfoundation.org

The Allen Foundation grants are limited to projects that benefit programs for human nutrition in the areas of health, education, training, and research.

The policies and priorities of the Allen Foundation are to:

1. to support programs for the education and training of mothers during pregnancy and after the birth of their children, so that good nutritional habits can be formed at an early age
2. to assist in the training of persons to work as educators and demonstrators of good nutritional practices
3. to encourage the dissemination of information regarding healthful nutritional practices and habits

To be considered for an Allen Foundation grant, you must be a non-profit organization. In certain circumstances, the Allen Foundation will consider requests from community organizations. Preference may be given to proposals that include matching funds from the institution or other partners including in-kind contribution. Third party contribution to matching funds such as computer or software donated from a company may be included.

Title: The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

Eligibility: **501 (c) (3)**

Deadline: **September 5, 2008**

Source: **Barbara Bush Foundation**

Range of Resources: Up to \$65,000

Web site: www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Announces the 2009 National Grant Competition. The foundation's grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000.

In order to be considered eligible for a grant, an organization must meet the following criteria:

1. The organization must have current non-profit or public status and have been in existence for two or more years as of the data of the application;
2. The organization must have maintained fiscal accountability;
3. The organization must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least 2 years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-k to grade 3, and intergenerational literacy activities (Parent and Child Together time or P.A.C.T. time).

The goal of the national grant program is to develop and expand family literacy efforts nation wide, and to support the development of literacy programs that build families of readers.

Title: Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant

Eligibility: [Public Schools and Libraries](#)

Deadline: **September 15, 2008**

Source: [Ezra Jack Keats Foundation](#)

Range of Resources: \$500

Web site: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/program/minigrant.html>

The Ezra Jack Keats Min-Grant Program for Public Schools and Libraries supports educators, parents, and children in their efforts to spread literacy and love of learning.

Title: The Lawrence Foundation Grants

Eligibility: [501 \(c\) \(3\)](#)

Deadline: **February 1, 2009**

Source: [Lawrence Foundation](#)

Range of Resources:

Web site: www.thelawrencefoundation.org/

The Lawrence Foundation is a private family foundation focused on making grants to support environmental, education, health, human services and other causes. The Lawrence Foundation was established in mid-2000. They make both program and operating grants and do not have any geographical restrictions on their grants. Grants are awarded twice a year. Applications accepted online only.

Title: Mattel Children's Foundation

Eligibility: [501 \(c\) \(3\)](#)

Deadline: **September 30, 2008**

Source: [Mattel, Inc](#)

Range of Resources: Up to \$25,000

Web site: http://www.mattel.com/about_us/philanthropy/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp

Mattel and the Mattel Children's Foundation are pleased to launch the new Domestic Grants Program. For the first time in 5 years, unsolicited grants are being accepted for review for funding. Charitable organizations throughout the U.S. that directly serve children in need will be eligible for financial grants in amounts of \$5,000 to \$25,000, depending on program, organization and individual community need. Funding is for one fiscal year and applications must be submitted online through the Mattel website. Applications will not be accepted by fax or mail. If you have any questions please send them to foundation@mattel.com.

Title: Dr. Scholl

Eligibility: [501 \(c\) \(3\)](#)

Deadline: **November 1, 2008 – March 1, 2009**

Source: [Dr. School Foundation](#)

Range of Resources: Up to \$50,000

Web site: <http://drschollfoundation.com/index.html>

Dr. Scholl Foundation was named the best large foundations for local organizations by the Children and Youth Funding Report. Deadlines have pass for this year, but it's not too early to

plan a proposal for next year's round of funding. The foundation funds a wide range of projects, and gave about 15 million last year in grants ranging from \$15,000 - \$50,000.

Applications for grants are considered in the following areas: Programs for children and health care. 40% of the grants have been related to education. The general categories above are not intended to limit the interest of the foundation from considering other worthwhile projects.

Title: Staples Foundation for Learning

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **October 10-24, 2008**

Source: **Staples Foundation**

Range of Resources: Up to \$20,000

Web site: www.staplesfoundation.org/

The mission of Staples Foundation for Learning is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Grant decisions will be made on a quarterly basis and all information to request a donation must be received by the indicated deadlines. The Foundation considers educational funding to be an investment in the future of our communities. The goal is to help local groups with programs and services that will positively affect their communities every day. The mission of Staples Foundation for Learning is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth.

Title: Verizon Foundation

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: **Verizon Foundation**

Range of Resources: \$10,000+

Web site: <http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/>

The Verizon Foundation is in the business of improving lives in literacy, knowledge and readiness for the 21st Century. Specifically, they help people to:

- Increase their literacy and educational achievement
- Achieve and sustain their health and safety

Eligible organizations seeking grants from the Verizon Foundation must be prepared to track and report program outcomes as well as specific results that demonstrate measurable human impact. In the grant application, organizations must indicate what outcomes are targeted through programming and what results, as specified on the grant application, the organization will measure. Outcomes and results will be reported by the grantee on a quarterly basis. For more details visit the website above. Verizon Foundation only accepts electronic proposals through its "Apply Online" process. Successfully submitted online proposals receive an electronic notice confirming receipt of the application via e-mail.

Title: The Wal-Mart Foundation

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: **Wal-Mart Foundation**

Range of Resources:

Web site: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/238.aspx>

The Wal-Mart Foundation today continues to support local, state and national organizations that provide opportunities for individuals and families to live better. Beginning this year, The Wal-

Mart Foundation will encourage store and club giving to align with the Foundation's four areas of focus: Education, Health, Job Skills Training and Sustainability.

This year the Foundation is introducing a number of changes in their local funding programs. These changes are designed primarily to enhance the impact of our giving in the communities we serve. To learn more about requesting a grant from your local Wal-Mart or Sam's Club, please contact the Community Involvement Coordinator at the Wal-Mart or Sam's Club location closest to you.

CORPORATE

Title: Albertsons Grants

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: Albertsons

Range of Resources: Cash and In-Kind

Web site: www.albertsons.com/abs_inthecommunity/

Albertson and its family of stores believe in being a good neighbor by contributing to the quality of life in the diverse communities they serve. In 2002, Albertsons provided more than \$65 million in cash and in kind donations with support focused on hunger relief, education, and the development of our youth, health and nutrition. They only provide funds to organizations and programs that pass the on line eligibility test. Preference will be given to requests that offer volunteerism.

Title: Blockbuster Grants

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: Blockbuster

Range of Resources:

Web site: <http://www.blockbuster.com/corporate/corporateGivingGuideLines>

At Blockbuster, community relations activities are designed to utilize corporate and employee resources and talents to benefit the communities they serve by supporting organizations, which affect children/families, or fulfill specific company operating objectives related to diversity and employment. Projects must have clearly defined and measurable goals. Requests are reviewed monthly.

Title: FedEx

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: FedEx Social Responsibility Department

Range of Resources:

Web site: http://about.fedex.designcdt.com/charitable_contribution_guidelines

To apply: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_587/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35003

Requests are accepted year –round and prefer to contribute to specific programs needs rather than special events or capital campaigns. Safety is a core value of FedEx, and it is the first consideration in all operations. FedEx is currently partnered with the National SAFE KIDS Campaign to promote child and pedestrian safety around the world. Additionally, they support other organizations that work to enhance the safety of children and transportations systems.

FedEx supports organizations that enhance education, technology, and innovative programs that enhance learning.

Title: Literacy Fund

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: Comcast Foundation

Range of Resources: \$7,500 - \$50,000

Web site: <http://www.comcast.com/corporate/about/inthecommunity/literacy/literacyfund.html>

To register go to: <http://www.nimble-net.com/default.htm>

Comcast offers grants in various amounts to diversity-oriented programs that address literacy, volunteerism, and youth leadership development.

Title: The Macy's Foundation

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: The Macy's Foundation

Range of Resources:

Web site: <http://www.fds.com/community/applicationprocess.aspx>

The Macy's Foundation focuses its giving primarily in the area of education and programs to assist youth and minorities. To begin the application process, an organization must be invited to apply by a contributions contact of the agency. Once an organization is invited to apply, your contributions contact will provide the password required for our online application process. All applications must be submitted online. To determine your contributions contact, please contact the division that operates a store in your geographic area. You can also submit an email to Foundationapps@macys.com and your email will be forwarded to Bloomingdale's or the appropriate Macy's division for review. You then will be either invited to apply online or notified that your request does not match the strategic focus of the Foundation.

Title: Target Community Giving Program

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **March 1 – May 31, 2009**

Source: Target

Range of Resources: \$1,000 - \$3,000

Web site: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001818>

Target offers store-based grants that support projects promoting early childhood education, reading, the arts and family prevention. Each Target division has its own priorities and review process. If your community has a Target store, you may contact the Store Manager for application procedures; target store leaders play a key role in local grant programs because they know their communities best.

Title: Xerox Free Color Printers Program

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: [Xerox Corporation](#)
Range of Resources: In-Kind
Web site: www.freecolorprinters.com

Xerox is donating free color printers to small businesses and nonprofits including schools, community groups and others. Program includes a high performance Xerox Phaser color printer, free delivery, three year service agreement, email and phone support and access to a members-only website. Recipients must have more than one employee, print 2,000+ copies/month and purchase ink and maintenance supplies exclusively from FreeColorPrinters.com. Participants may opt out at any time.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Title: Free Resources for Teachers

Eligibility: [Any Educator](#)
Deadline: **On-Going**
Source: [National Education Association](#)
Range of Resources: In-Kind
Web site: www.Nea.org

The National Education Associations has posted a list of free resources for teachers. These resources cover a wide range of subject matter and appeal to children of all ages. Some of the giveaways feature comic books, software, on line posters, and information kits. Type in the “search this site” – free teacher resources and/or early childhood education resources.

Title: Innovative Ideas Grant

Eligibility: [Must be an early childhood educator and a current member in good standing of CKA](#)
Deadline: **May 1, 2009**
Source: [The California Kindergarten Association \(CKA\)](#)
Range of Resources: Up to \$1,000
Web Site: www.Californiakindergartenassociation.org

The California Kindergarten Association is offering an Innovative Ideas Grant for the development and implementation of appropriate environment and curricula to meet the diverse needs of young children. CKA’s mission is to facilitate quality education for all kindergarten children. We aim to advance the professionalism of early childhood educators; promote an understanding of how young children learn and develop; contribute to and promote the seamless transition from preschool to kindergarten and beyond. The grant will be awarded by June 30th, 2009. Grantees will be introduced at the California Kindergarten Conference on Martin Luther King weekend, 2010. Applicant must be a current member of good standing of CKA. *Not only kindergarten teacher may apply; any early childhood educator who is a member of CKA may apply. (Armando Argandoña is the past President of CKA and can assist with technical inquiries.)*

Title: The Southern California Kindergarten Conference Teacher Award

Eligibility: [Teacher must be registered for the 2009 conference by December 1, 2008](#)
Deadline: **December 15, 2008**
Source: [The Southern California Kindergarten Conference](#)
Range of Resources: \$1,000

Web Site: www.sckcinc.org/

The Southern California Kindergarten Conference is offering Teacher Awards of \$1,000, plus a paid registration for the 2010 conference. The purpose of the award is to encourage the professional development of ECE educators as researchers and to benefit students ages 4 to 7. Their goal is to support teachers, not previously honored with the SCKC Teacher Award, in their efforts to create and implement innovative applications of theory with sound, developmentally appropriate practices. Applicants must be registered for the 2009 conference by December 1, 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS

Books

In an effort to get 26+ books in every families' home, below you will find a listing of organizations that focus on family literacy by providing books for free or at low cost to organizations and families.

Title: Barnes and Noble

Eligibility: Nonprofits that focus on art, literacy, or education K-12

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: Barnes and Noble

Range of Resources: In-Kind

Web site: www.barnesandnobleinc.com/company/codonation/co_donation.html

Barnes and Noble will consider requests for local and regional support from nonprofit organizations in the communities they serve. Barnes and Noble will support organizations that focus on literacy, the arts or K-12 education. The Barnes & Noble Community Relations Program supports pre-K -12 and not –for –profit arts and literacy organizations. Fundraising opportunities at the local level include in-store voucher book fairs and holiday gift-wrapping. Programs are set up at the store level. They do not have a grant nor scholarship program.

Title: Free Books from First Book National Book Bank

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3) Serves children where at least 50% are from low-income households; or are Title I or Title I eligible school.

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: First Book National Book Bank

Range of Resources: In-Kind

Web site: www.firstbook.org

First Book provides new books to children in need addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy – access to books. An innovative leader in social enterprise, First Book has distributed more than 60 million free and low cost books to disadvantaged children and the programs that serve them through an extensive volunteer network of Advisory Boards, First Book National Book Bank large-scale book distributions, and the First Book Marketplace offering high-quality titles at reduced cost. First Book now has offices in the U.S. and Canada. For more information about the nonprofit First Book, please visit www.firstbook.org or call 866-393-1222. (FLSN has begun a dialogue with First Book to see how we can collaborate. More to come, go on-line and register today.)

Title: Reach Out and Read

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3) Medical facilities within your community

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: [Reach Out and Read National Center](#)

Range of Resources:

Web Site: www.reachoutandread.org/

Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national non-profit organization that promotes early literacy by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud in pediatric exam rooms across the nation. Doctors know that growing up healthy means growing up with books. ROR provides the tools to help promote children's developmental skills and later school success. By introducing a beautiful new book at the beginning of a well child visit, providers find they can better engage and calm the child, provide strong and helpful positive messages to the parent, and build connections with the family. Using the book in the exam room opens up the opportunity to talk about other issues - healthy routines, sleep issues, and even school readiness, and also offers providers a new and valuable tool for assessing the child's development.

Title: The Lisa Libraries

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: [The Lisa Libraries](#)

Range of Resources: In-Kind

Web Site: www.lisalibraries.org/frames.html

The Lisa Libraries donates new children's books and small libraries to organizations that work with kids in poor and under served areas. Founded in 1990, the Lisa Libraries was started by author Ann M. Martin and friends to honor and memorialize children's book editor, Lisa Novak. Some of the libraries have been established at day care centers, prison visiting areas for children and after school programs. The Lisa Libraries supplements under-filled shelves, as well as, provides books to many children. In 2004, the Lisa libraries contributed over 15,000 books to nonprofit organizations across the country. In general, the Lisa Libraries has a strong interest in supporting small, grass roots organizations.

Title: The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc

Eligibility: 501 (c) (3)

Deadline: **September 15, 2008**

Source: [The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation](#)

Range of Resources: \$500 to \$3,000

Web site: www.loislenskicovey.org

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants for purchasing books published for young people preschool to grade 13. The Foundation gives priority to institutions that serve at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need. Grants typically range from \$500 to \$3,000 and are specifically for book purchases rather than administrative or operational uses.

Title: Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services' Toy Loan Program

Eligibility: [Teacher in Los Angeles County](#)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: [Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services](#)

Range of Resources: In-Kind

Web site: www.ladpss.org/dpss/toyloan/default.cfm

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services Toy Loan Program provides free school supplies for teachers. The program is supported by donations of new and used toys, books, and school supplies. The program provides toys to low-income children throughout Los Angeles County. They have a good selection of games, books, toys, and arts and crafts projects for teachers.

Community Awards

Title: Healthy Vision Community Award

Eligibility: *See below*

Deadline: **August 29, 2008**

Source: *Healthy Vision 2010*

Range of Resources: Up to \$10,000

Web site: www.healthyvision2010.org/news/hvca/

The National Eye Institute (NEI) recognizes the importance of strengthening the capabilities of community-based organizations to develop innovative eye health education and promotion projects.

The Healthy Vision Community Awards Program provides awards of up to \$10,000 each and is intended to stimulate collaborative initiatives that support the vision objectives in Healthy People 2010. The objectives address examinations and prevention, eye diseases, injury and safety, and vision rehabilitation.

Nonprofit organizations including, but not limited to, community-based organizations and groups, minority-based organizations, schools, faith-based organizations, civic and fraternal groups, and local health departments and agencies may apply.

Technology

Title: Computers for Learning

Eligibility: *Schools Pre-K -12*

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: *Computers for Learning CFL)*

Range of Resources: In-Kind

Web site: www.computersforlearning.gov/

Computers for Learning place computers in classrooms and it allows government agencies and the private sector to transfer surplus computers and related equipment to schools and educational nonprofit organizations. A school is eligible to receive donations through the CFL program if it is a public, private, parochial, or home school serving Pre-K through grade 12 students. Special consideration will be given to institutions located in federal empowerment zones and enterprise communities.

Title: Kingston Technology

Eligibility: *501(c) (3)*

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: [Kingston Technology](#)

Range of Resources:

Web site: <http://www.kingston.com/company/charity.asp>

Kingston Technology offers various forms of contributions to our community. These contributions are directed at innovative programs to promote education, technology and support the well being of citizens. Kingston considers support to a variety of organizations such as educational support for the advancement of knowledge and technological improvement.

Please submit a written request via postal mail.

Teacher Awards

Title: DonorsChoose

Eligibility: [Public School Educator](#)

Deadline: **On-Going**

Source: [DonorsChoose](#)

Range of Resources: Open

Web site: <http://www.donorschoose.org/homepage/main.html?zone=0>

DonorsChoose saw first-hand the scarcity of materials in our public school classrooms and the profound impact of this scarcity on kids' education. DonorsChoose.org is dedicated to addressing the scarcity and inequitable distribution of learning materials and experiences in our public schools. We believe this inequity is rooted in the following factors:

1. Shortages of learning materials prevent thorough, engaging instruction;
2. Top-down distribution of materials stifles our best teachers and discourages them from developing targeted solutions for their students;
3. Small, directed contributions have gone un-tapped as a source of funding.

DonorsChoose.org will improve public education by engaging citizens in an online marketplace where teachers describe and individuals can fund specific student projects. We envision a nation where students in every community have the resources they need to learn. (*DonorsChoose was a speaker at the December 2007 Sustainability meeting*)

Title: Children's TYLENOL National Child Care Teacher Awards

Eligibility: [See below](#)

Deadline: **December 5, 2008**

Source: [Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation](#)

Range of Resources: \$500 - \$1,500

Web site: http://www.tllccf.org/pr_nccta.php

The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation (TLLCCF) created the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL National Child Care Teacher Awards to support child care teachers who provide quality early care and education. This award is open to child care teachers throughout the 50 states. Fifty teacher will be selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Award recipients will receive \$500 -1,000 for the teacher's personal use and \$500 to implement the project.

Applicants must be employed in a home, group or center-based program that is fully compliant with local and state regulations for operating child care programs with children. Applicants must work a minimum of 32 hours/week with the same children 12 months/year. Applicants must be working in their current regulated program for a minimum of 36 months by December 5, 2008. For more details visit: http://www.tllccf.org/pr_nccta.php .

Resources and Grant Websites

Title: Free Teacher Resources at Lakeshore Learning

Web site: www.Lakeshorelearning.com

Lakeshore Learning includes a free teacher resources tab on their website. It includes clip art, e-cards, craft ideas, award maker, etc.

www.foundationcenter.org

www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/fr/

www.grantwrangler.com/termsconditions.html

www.fdncenter.org

TIPS

Grant Writing

Make sure that your program fits what the agency is looking for; in other words, do not try to fit your “round” program into a “square” peg. (Courtesy of the nonprofit Heritage Foundation)

Agencies are very clear about what they will support and what they will not support. If it looks worthwhile, spend some time visiting the agency’s website. This will provide you with a lot of background information. Over time an agency’s focus may change due to both internal dynamics within the agency and external dynamics in the community or society in general. So it’s to your advantage to check the agency website regularly. If there is any doubt as to the “fit”, contact the agency either by phone or email to get clarity. Download the application and read it thoroughly. By doing the above, you will get a feel as to whether or not this is a match for your organization.

Advocacy

According to the Webster dictionary, the word, advocate, means “a person who pleads another’s case; a person who speaks or writes in support of something; be in favor of”.

According to Senator Darrell Steinberg, “Build alliances with others that care about the same things.” (Top 10 Tips for Being an Effective Advocate, Preschool Advocacy Day, April 22, 2008). Invite people to your site, like a legislator, community member, corporate CEO, a principal, etc. to special events, celebrations, an advocacy day, or just a regular ol’ day to get to see what you are all about. Provide that person with a tour, meet parents, staff and children, perhaps read a story or engage in an academic activity that you have prepared for him or her. Paint them a picture of what you are all about and why what you do is so important on a small canvas (with families), as well as, on a large canvas (within the community).

ACRONYMS

AE – Adult Education

CBO- Community Based Organization

COF – Community Opportunities Fund

ECE – Early Childhood Education

EVP – Exemplary Validated Program

LEA – Local Educational Agency

LOI – Letter of Intent

PACT – Parent And Child Time

PCILA – Parent Child Interactive Literacy Activity

PE – Parent Education

RFP- Request for Proposal

RFQ- Request for Qualifications

DEFINITIONS

Advocate – a person who pleads another’s case; a person who speaks or writes in support of something; be in favor of

Grant - money from a fund used for a specific purpose

Sustainable – to keep in existence; keep up; maintain or prolong; to provide for the support of